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SUBJECT: TENTATIVE AGENDA SUGGESTIONS FOR U.S.-TUNISIAN
JOINT COMMISSION

REFS: (A) TUNIS 4577, (B) STATE 166722

FOLLOWING IS LISTING OF POSSIBLE ITEMS OR THEMES FOR AGENDA
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SUGGESTED BY WASHINGTON AGENCIES:

AID

1. AID SEES JC MEETING AS OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN MUTUAL UNDER-
STANDING OF IMPLICATIONS OF SHIFT TO "MATURE RELATIONS"
FROM ONE OF DEPENDENCE ON CONCESSIONAL AID. WE WOULD HOPE

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FOR REAFFIRMATION OF TUNISIAN STATEMENT AT LAST YEAR'S DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE THAT GOT HOPES TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUSTAINING GROWTH BY END OF PLAN PERIOD. IN THIS CONTEXT, U.S. WOULD MAKE CLEAR OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT FY 81 WILL BE FINAL YEAR OF NEW AID DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OBLIGATIONS (ALTHOUGH DISBURSEMENTS FROM DA AND TITLE I PROCEEDS WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME THEREAFTER). FYI - WISH AVOID INITIATION OF CAMPAIGN ON GOT PART FOR CONTINUATION OF U.S. CONCESSIONAL AID FOR ANOTHER PERIOD. END FYI.

2. IN DISCUSSING NEW, MATURE RELATIONSHIP, WE WOULD TRY TO HIGHLIGHT STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN IN NEAR TERM TO FACILITATE ESTABLISHMENT OF LASTING TIES BETWEEN U.S. AND TUNISIAN AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS.

3. AID ALSO SEES JC MEETING AS OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS LARGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY ISSUES RELEVANT TO U.S. AID PROGRAM WHICH ARE APPROPRIATE FOR JC LEVEL CONSIDERATION WHERE IT MAY BE HELPFUL IN REINFORCING USAID POSITIONS. AID/W LOOKS TO USAID TO PROPOSE POLICY AGENDA AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN ORDER TO HAVE TUNIS/ WASHINGTON EXCHANGE OF VIEWS PRIOR TO MEETING.

4. JC CAN ALSO REVIEW STATUS AID PROGRAM AND SCHEDULING OF PHASEOVER TO GOT FUNDING AND MANAGEMENT.

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PEACE CORPS

1. ROLE OF PEACE CORPS IN BASIC HUMAN NEEDS PROGRAMS IN TUNISIA.

OES

1. RENEW EFFORTS TO PLAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COOPERATION WITH GOT.

2. STUDY CONTINUATION BEST COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS UNDER SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY PROGRAM AND AID SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PHASE I PROGRAM. ALSO EXPLORE COLLABORATION IN OTHER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. SUGGESTED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ITEMS FROM MAJOR TECHNICAL AGENCES OF USG:

A. AGRICULTURAL:

-- COLLECTION AND USE OF WILD OATS IN GERM PLASMA FOR

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RUST RESISTANCE

-- DEVELOPMENT WHEAT VARIETIES RESISTANT TO DISEASES

-- BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF TOBACCO BUD WORM

B. INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS:
-- INSTITUTION BUILDING WITH LABORATOIRE CENTRALE

-- STANDARD TEST METHODOLOGY FOR RUBBER PRODUCTS

C. NATURAL RESOURCES SURVEYS AND ASSESSMENT:

-- REMOTE SENSING, DESERTIFICATION GROUND WATER, GEOLOGIC
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MAPPING AND PALEOTOLOGY STUDIES, RANGE DEVELOPMENT, AND
PETROLEUM TECHNOLOGY.

4. SOLAR ENERGY
5. WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, PARTICULARLY THREATENED OR
ENDANGERED SPECIES
6. INFORMATION DATA HANDLING
7. OPERATIONS RESEARCH/SYSTEMS ANALYSIS
8. ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING AND SCIENCE EDUCATION
9. GEOTECHNICAL RESEARCH
10. PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC, NATURAL AND RECREATIONAL
SITES
11. EXPLORE FUNDING FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS SUCH AS ABOVE
FROM TUNISIAN SOURCE E.G. TUNISIAN-OWNED PL-480 TITLE I
SALES PROCEEDS. (N.B. - USG AGENCIES INVOLVED DO NOT
GENERALLY HAVE FUNDS TO CARRY ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE U.S.)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

1. STATUS TUNISIAN INVESTMENT PROGRAM
2. STATUS PROMOTION TUNISIAN EXPORTS TO U.S.
3. FIFTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN. U.S. ROLE IN IMPLEMENTING
MAJOR COMMERCIAL PROJECTS
4. U.S.-TUNISIAN TRADE
5. TEXTILE SITUATION AND EC BACKGROUND
6. DISCUSS POSSIBILITY ESTABLISHING "JOINT BUSINESS
COUNCIL"

EXIMBANK

1. MISKAR PROJECT - DEVELOPMENTS AND INDICATIONS OF
SCHEDULES (SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS)
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OPIC

1. OPIC MINERALS AND ENERGY POLICY
2. OPIC'S COMMERCIAL BANK LENDERS INSURANCE PROGRAM
3. PREPARATION OF PROJECT STUDIES IN ENGLISH BY API TECHNICAL DIVISION FOR PRIVATE FOREIGN INVESTORS
4. INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR TUNISIAN INVESTMENT PROMOTION OFFICIALS
5. GOT INTENTIONS TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENTS. (U.S. AGRIBUSINESS INVESTMENT IN TUNISIA)

EB

1. MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS - DISCUSSING VARIOUS TOPICS INCLUDE GATT, GENEVA MEETINGS.
2. UNCTAD - GENERAL ISSUES AND OVERALL DISCUSSION BROAD ECONOMIC ISSUES WITHIN CONTEXT NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE WHICH ALSO OCCUR IN UNGA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DEBATES.

T/CST - (OFFICE OF U.S. COORDINATOR FOR UNCSTD)

1. UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT (UNCSTD) DISCUSSION OF RESPECTIVE PREPARATIONS.

USICA

1. DISCUSS EDUCATION AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE OUTSIDE IV PROGRAM
2. COOPERATION WITH GOT ON THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF ENGLISH TEACHING

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